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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98,

Applicant hereby submits a copy the following documents for the Examiner's consideration.

(1) German Patent Application Publication No. DE 37 04 087 A1, dated August 25, 1988, which is discussed in the instant application beginning in paragraph [0009].

The following documents were cited in an International Search Report, dated July 16, 2004, conducted in International Patent Application No. PCT/EP2004/004187, which is a counterpart of the above-captioned application. In particular, the Examiner cited:

(2) English Patent No. 833,994 cited as an "A" category document (i.e., technological background). The Examiner identified the entire document as relevant to claim 1;

(3) German Patent Publication No. DE 356,880 cited as an "A" category document.

The Examiner identified pages 1 and 2, claim 1 and the figures as relevant to claim 1;

(4) French Patent Publication No. 2,561,994 cited as an "A" category document. The Examiner identified page 4, line 23 – page 5, line 29, the claims and the figures as relevant to claim 1;

(5) German Patent Application Publication No. DE 37 04 087 A1 identified as (1) cited as an "A" category document. The Examiner identified the whole document as relevant to claim 1; and

(6) U.S. Patent No. 4,249,587 cited as an "A" category document. The Examiner identified column 2 – column 3, the claims and figures 1 – 3 as relevant to claim 1.

The following documents were cited in an International Preliminary Examination Report, dated November 8, 2005, conducted in International Patent Application No. PCT/DE2004/002430, which is a counterpart of the above-captioned application. In particular, the Examiner cited:

- (7) English Patent No. 833,994 identified as (2);
- (8) German Patent Publication No. DE 356,880 identified as (3);
- (9) U.S. Patent No. 4,249,587 identified as (6);
- (10) French Patent Publication No. 2,561,994 identified as (4); and
- (11) German Patent Application Publication No. DE 37 04 087 A1 identified as (1).

Each of the above-cited documents are listed on the enclosed completed copy of the PTO-1449 Form. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to consider these documents and to indicate such consideration by returning a signed and initialed copy of the PTO-1449 Form with the first official communication.

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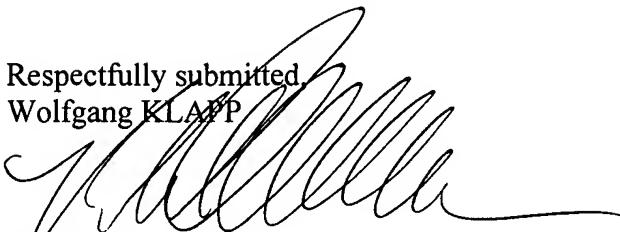
being submitted herewith. However, pursuant to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's decision to waive the requirement under 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(i), copies of the cited/listed U.S. patents and U.S. published patent applications are not enclosed herewith. Moreover, German-language copies of the International Search Report and the International Preliminary Examination Report have previously been submitted and are not being submitted herewith. However, if any copies are needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Applicant notes that while this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed more than three months from the filing date, Applicant has not received a first action on the merits from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Accordingly, consideration of the enclosed documents are required under 37 C.F.R. 1.97(b)(3).

However, if a first action on the merits has mailed prior to the filing date of this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, Applicant hereby authorizes Commissioner to charge any fees necessary for the consideration of the documents cited herein to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Should there be any questions or comments, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,  
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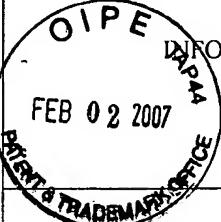
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